GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:362
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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO ANDHRA PRADESH FOR DROUGHT RELIEF
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Central Government to provide Central assistance worth Rs.810 crores and 15 lakhs metric tonnes of rice as drought relief;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) : Yes, Sir ; the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for Centralassistance worth Rs. 810 crore and 15 lakh MT of rice as drought relief, which has been increased to Rs. 1210.90 crores and 25 lakh MT of rice in their memorandum submitted to Government.

(b)&(c) :The entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting Rs. 163.77 crore including advance release of 2nd instalment of Rs. 81.885 crore has been provided to take immediate drought relief measures. 3 lakh MT of rice as a special component of Sampurna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) has been allocated to the State for initiating food for work programme in drought hit areas. A Central Team has also visited the drought hit areas of the State and submitted its report to the Government. A High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister is considering the amount of assistance to be provided from Natural Calamity Contigency Fund (NCCF) to the State.